

HOUSE BILL NO. 238

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE GILLHAM

Introduced: 1/7/22

Referred: Prefiled

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to objections to vaccines."**

2 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

3 * **Section 1.** AS 14.07.020 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

4 (d) A minor child whose parent or guardian has submitted a signed statement
5 to school officials stating their objections on religious, medical, or philosophical
6 grounds to immunization requirements prescribed under (a)(7) of this section is
7 exempt from those requirements.

8 * **Sec. 2.** AS 14.30.125 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

9 (b) A minor child whose parent or guardian has submitted a signed statement
10 to school officials stating their objections on religious, medical, or philosophical
11 grounds to the immunization requirements under (a) of this section is exempt from
12 those requirements.

13 * **Sec. 3.** AS 18.15 is amended by adding a new section to read:

14 **Sec. 18.15.357. Vaccine objection.** A business, an employer, a state agency, a
15 municipality, the University of Alaska, or a school district may not require an

individual to be vaccinated against a specific disease if the individual objects based on religious, medical, or philosophical grounds to the administration of the vaccine. In this section,

(1) "business" has the meaning given in AS 18.35.399;

(2) "employer" has the meaning given in AS 18.60.105(a);

(3) "school district" means a borough school district, a city school district, a regional educational attendance area, a state boarding school, and the state centralized correspondence study program;

(4) "state agency" has the meaning given in AS 40.21.150.

* **Sec. 4.** AS 23.10 is amended by adding new sections to article 7 to read:

Sec. 23.10.445. Vaccine objection. Unless contrary to federal law, an employer may not require an employee or applicant for employment to be vaccinated against a specific disease as a condition of employment if the employee or applicant objects based on religious, medical, or philosophical grounds to the administration of the vaccine.

Sec. 23.10.450. Definitions. In AS 23.10.430 - 23.10.445, "employer" includes

(1) a person who employs one or more other persons;

(2) the state;

(3) the University of Alaska;

(4) the Alaska Railroad; and

(5) political subdivisions of the state.

* **Sec. 5.** AS 23.10.430(c)(2) is repealed.